

23, lines 3-5 and 13-15 ff. Support for the durometer range is found at specification page 24, lines 9-10, and the nylon and spandex fabrics are found at page 20, lines 15-20 and page 21, line 12. Support for Claims 49-52 is found in the sentence bridging pages 22 and 23. See also page 26, lines 16ff. A similar "recessed achilles" description is also found in Claim 1 of U.S. 5,603,122 to Kania, of record in the parent. No new matter has been entered.

REMARKS

The present application is a continuation application of USSN 08/611,306, now allowed. Attached hereto is a Terminal Disclaimer over the parent application. In the parent application, the following independent claim was allowed:

A tube sock-shaped covering for enclosing an amputation stump, said covering having an open end for introduction of said stump and a closed end opposite said open end, said covering comprising fabric in the shape of a tube sock coated on only one side thereof with a foamed or non-foamed gel composition comprising a block copolymer and mineral oil.

The present claims are similar to the claim allowed in the parent case, but specify polymeric material generally rather a particular gel composition. Dependent claims describe particular polymeric cushioning materials, all of which are supported by the specification as originally filed.

The present claims are believed to be allowable for the same reasons presented in the parent case. To assist the Examiner, the Declaration of Bruce Kania filed in the parent case is attached hereto. Also attached is a Petition under 1.48(b) specifying that three of the originally-named inventors are no longer appropriate in this case since invention described in the claims pending herein is that of Mr. Kania.

Accordingly, and for the reasons presented above and those described in the parent application, Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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